

til de Mexico, Mexico, D. F., Mexico. Etiology is largely economic, long continued under feeding, or failure to utilize proper foods, especially proteins. Three types are considered depending upon the degree of underweight. Pathological effect upon the various tissues and organs is discussed. Severe or third degree type is the same as the African Kwashiorkor. Treatment is outlined with poor prognosis in the third degree classification. One hundred twenty-nine references.

4. *Phonocardiography in Children*. Edgar Mannheimer, Caroline Hospital, Stockholm. Phonocardiography is recording the vibrations of the thoracic wall caused by the sound phenomena of the heart. Its value lies in giving information concerning sounds and murmurs and different types of gallop which cannot be heard by auscultation. Process demands reproducibility. He outlines fundamental acoustic principles and methods which involve a good knowledge of electronics. The phonocardiogram of normal children is described as well as the murmurs and sounds of congenital heart conditions, acute rheumatic fever and acute carditis. Seventeen plates, one of the apparatus and 16 of the various cardiac conditions. Seventy-three references.

5. *Infantile Cerebral Palsy*. Meyer A. Perlstein, Chicago. An excellent treatise covering incidence, etiology and pathogenesis with precipitating factors. Classification and clinical types are outstanding parts of the monograph. Cerebral palsy is incurable but he outlines the degree of mental and physical development expected. Drugs are of little value in treatment. Best result in treatment is by a team composed of most of the branches of medical practice. Five pages of unnumbered references.

6. *Mucoviscidosis*. Harry Shwachman, Hugo Leubner, Children's Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, Boston. A lengthy discourse. Since the disease is not primarily a disease of the pancreas but of an increased viscosity of fluids from secreting glands older nomenclature should be discarded. The incidence, classification, differential diagnosis and clinical picture are discussed at length. Methods and techniques of diagnosis are given. An outline of treatment is given for this ultimately fatal disease. One hundred forty-two references.

7. *Congenital Megacolon*. Oscar Swenson, Boston Floating Hospital and Tuft's Medical College, Boston. Diagnostic criteria are outlined for diagnosis of Hirschsprung's disease. Study of the urinary tract is advised for often there is atony of bladder and ureters associated. Differential diagnosis between ileal obstruction in the newborn and congenital Hirschsprung's disease is discussed. Limited operative technique is outlined which is life saving for these patients. The monograph is based on 139 operated cases. Twelve references.

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THE ECZEMAS—A Symposium by Ten Authors. L. J. A. Loewenthal, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.T.M. and H., Lecturer in Dermatology, University of Witwatersrand, formerly Honorary Assistant Dermatologist, Hospital for Cancer and Skin Diseases, Liverpool. E. & S. Livingstone, Ltd., Edinburgh, distributed by Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore, 1954. 267 pages, \$7.50.

The Eczemas is a symposium by ten authors who are well known authorities in dermatologic circles. Among the contributors to this concisely written book are Sulzberger, Haxthausen and Peterkin. There are 13 chapters which take up subjects such as contact eczema, allergic eczema, atopic dermatitis, the role of bacteria in eczema and so forth. The chapter on General Principles of Treatment in Eczema is sound and contains a good bit of practical advice. A useful formulary and a table of concentrations of vehicles to be used in patch testing is found in the appendix.

HANDBOOK OF TROPICAL DERMATOLOGY AND MEDICAL MYCOLOGY—Vols. I and II. Edited by R. D. G. Ph. Simons, Senior Lecturer at the Dermatologic University of Leyden and Dermatologist-in-charge at the Civilian Hospital, Amsterdam. Elsevier Publishing Company, 402 Lovett Blvd., Houston, 300 Park Ave., New York, 1952-53. 1745 pages, \$15.00 per volume.

All skin diseases likely to be seen in tropical areas throughout the world are discussed in this large, two-volume work. Although over 90 contributors from all parts of the world have written chapters, the book is well organized in a surprisingly uniform style. Contributors from California include Paul Fasal on "Cutaneous Leishmaniasis" and "American Leishmaniasis," "North American Blastomycosis" and "Cutaneous Tuberculosis" and "Sarcoidosis"; Dr. Francis Keddie on "The Rickettsioses"; Dr. Frederick G. Novy on "Tropical Acne"; Drs. Maximilian E. Obermayer and G. Walter Wilson on "Disorders Caused by Animal Organisms"; Drs. J. Walter Wilson and Orda A. Plunkett on "Introductory Notes on the Term 'Blastomycosis'"; Dr. Robert A. Stewart on "Coccidioidomycosis."

Most of the chapters discuss particular diseases in a manner which facilitates easy reference; treatments suggested are up to date. Information is included on many dermatological disorders not confined to tropical areas such as vitiligo, chloasma, cutaneous syphilis, cutaneous syphilis and sarcoidosis; lymphopathia venerea, miliaria, scabies, oxyuria, allergy and the "id" concept and benign and malignant skin tumors. In the sections on Diseases Due to Fungi, there is a general discussion on Mycology followed by descriptions of the various superficial and deep mycoses. Many interesting and sometimes amusing facts of the history of dermatologic disease and terminology are revealed in the introductory chapters and addendum.

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THE SKIN—A Clinicopathologic Treatise. Arthur C. Allen, M.D., Associate Pathologist, Memorial Hospital, Associate Professor of Pathology, Cornell University Medical School, New York. The C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1954. 1048 pages, 495 full page illustrations, \$25.00.

The Skin is a clinicopathologic treatise by Arthur C. Allen, pathologist to the Memorial Hospital of New York City. This book represents an outstanding contribution. It encompasses 495 full-page illustrations and over 1,000 pages of text. The value of this book lies in the correlation of the clinical and microscopic pictures of almost every disease which affects the skin.

Of the 28 chapters in this text, Chapter 24 on nevi and malignant melanomas is the most outstanding. It incorporates information which is of interest to students of cancer, surgeons, dermatologists, radiologists and pediatricians.

This text is to be recommended as an outstanding contribution to the medical literature.

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CARDIAC EMERGENCIES AND HEART FAILURE—Prevention and Treatment, Second Edition. Arthur M. Master, M.D., Cardiologist, Mount Sinai Hospital, N. Y., Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia; Marvin Moser, M.D., Assistant Physician in Medicine, Montefiore Hospital; and Harry L. Jaffe, M.D., Assistant Attending Physician, Cardiology, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, 1955. 203 pages, \$3.75.

This compact book includes an astonishing amount of practical information on the therapy of various cardiovascular emergencies. It is divided into 9 chapters covering the arrhythmias, acute heart failure, coronary artery disease, syncope, rheumatic heart disease, hypertensive states, dissecting aneurysm, traumatic heart lesions, and